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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will.

- Vince Lombardi

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Proud to Belong: Freshmen students of Public Health chill out after one of their practical classes.

GRACE GALORE AS BABCOCK MARKS WEEK OF PRAYER



Pastor Gemane Getteh

It was grace galore as the University marked its annual week of prayer February 13 - 20; the first virtual edition in 61 years.

Besides the obvious absence of persons at the usual venue of the 10,000-capacity sports complex, this year's marked a more personal involvement with opportunity to follow live and recorded versions.

With fewer physical contact in line with Covid-19 protocol, attention shifted from the mundane to the spiritual with focus on the power of God's grace for salvation.

"Salvation is entirely the free gift of God so no one can boast," said guest speaker, Pastor Gemane Getteh from Liberia quoting from the Biblical Book of Ephesians 2:8,9.

Through the week, he explored the implications of man's self-

driven efforts to obtain salvation through works captured over the ages and diverse religions.

"All such efforts fall flat on God's standards and remain condemned for man's righteousness is like filthy rags before God," he remarked.

Consequently, he said God made His only Son, Jesus Christ the atonement for our sins so mankind could receive salvation through faith.

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WEEKLY DIGEST

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UPDATE ON BABCOCK MICROFINANCE BANK



The front view of the new Babcock Microfinance Bank

The new Babcock Microfinance Bank will be ready for commissioning and operations by the end of the month.

The University's Director of Physical Planning, Arch Mykell Jegede gave this affirmation during a briefing on advancement update.

"Everything is practically



Arch. Mykell Jegede

completed – external works including painting and site-clearing are on-going," he said. "We are

looking at the end of the month to move in."

This is six months after the August 3, 2020 groundbreaking of the two-floor, ultra-modern building.

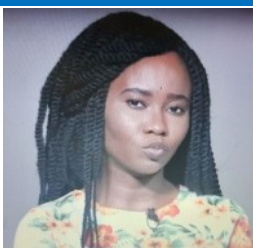
With this upgrade, the Babcock Microfinance Bank joins the league of banks on campus with more customer-friendly ambience. This is expected to boost its capital portfolio, visibility and public acceptance.

Earlier, the President/Vice Chancellor Prof. Ademola S. Tayo expressed optimism in its getting listed on the Google Play store App.

GRACE GALORE AS BU MARKS WEEK OF PRAYER

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"He is the guarantee we have for eternal salvation and that is freely given to us by God the Father."

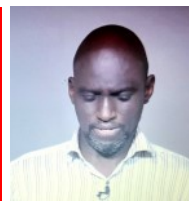


Besides the speaker, the week-long programme also featured other musical

groups and quartets, including: the Axios and The Chord.



The Axios Choir (l) and right is BU Music Chaplain, Mr. Seun Oladini



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Prof. Ademola Tayo (3rd left) listens as Arch. Mykell Jegede explains a point. With them are other officers of the University.

BU BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW A & E

Things are looking up for the Babcock University Teaching Hospital. The groundbreaking held Tuesday February 23, set the ball rolling for the establishment of a new equipped, purpose-built Accident & Emergency department.

This is coming barely three months after the completion of the molecular laboratory

President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo who set the first block in place, called on the contractors, Fagorite, to ensure work is completed on schedule.

Other principal officers were also present to give their support.

Shedding light on this, the Director of Physical Planning, Arch. Mykell Jegede said construction work on the structure will be in two

phases - the concrete block work and roofing of the entire building including tiling and finishing of the chamber for the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) equipment and the second phase will be the completion of other units.

"This is a purpose-built project,"

said Arch Jegede. "It will be three floors. We also have paid for the MRI equipment expected to arrive in 16 weeks."

He said barring any other unforeseen challenges, work on site should begin soon as clearing work commenced last week and the MRI chamber has to be ready to accommodate the equipment on arrival.

The new Accident & Emergency building will be built across the road of the main campus and become part of the teaching areas of the BUTH comprising classrooms and faculty offices.

Clockwise: Prof. Ademola Tayo with Arch Mykell Jegede; Prof. Yacob Haliso takes a turn, Prof. Philemon Amanze and the University Bursar, Dr. Folorunsho Akande gives his support.



BUTH NURSES HOSTS 2021 TOTAL CARE CONFERENCE



Prof. Ademola Tayo addressing participants at the conference

President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo has called on the Federal Government to increase Health sector funding amidst epidemics and pandemic outbreaks.

His call came at the opening session of the five-day Babcock University Teaching Hospital's Nursing Conference on "Total Care."

"The ratio of Nurses to patients in Nigeria is abysmally low.

The tendency of putting too much pressure on the available workforce is real."

- Prof. Tayo

Prof. Tayo, who described the theme of the conference as apt, said the four per cent national budgetary allocation to the Health sector in 2020 was anti-thetic to efficient and effective healthcare delivery system.

He therefore called for increased budgetary allocation, insurance cover for Nurses and other vulnerable health workers as well as additional payment to complement the conventional haz-

ard allowance to those exposed to greater health hazards.

He noted that with the pandemic and general shortage of medics and allied professionals, the roles of Nurses were becoming more complex and

challenging.

"The ratio of Nurses in Nigeria to patients is abysmally low," he said. "The tendency of putting too much pressure on the available workforce is real."

Professor Tayo appealed to both government and health stakeholders to evolve a productive dialogue mechanism to minimize persistent lockdown or strikes and come up with resolutions to uplift the Nursing practice in Nigeria.

For the BUTH Chief Medical Director, Prof. Franklin Ani, represented by the Deputy Director of Clinical Services, Dr. Titus Oyedele, participants should use the conference to build up the human component in healthcare delivery.

Concurring, the conference Chair & CEO Adron Homes, Aare Adetola Emmanuel King, noted that Ebola was a major test case for health care professionals and Nigeria responded adequately.



Partners in progress: Chief Host, Prof. Ademola Tayo (r) and others, (l-r) Mrs. Adeola Oyinloye, Dr. Jones Umukoro and Dr. Titus Olaleye listen as Mr. Ayodeji Omoniyi makes his presentation.

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Prof. Ezekiel Ajao



Prof. Ademola Tayo (2nd right) and Dr. Hakeem Yusuff, Ogun State Epidemiologist & guest speaker (right) share a light moment. With them are (l-r): Dr. Jones Umukoro and Dr. Titus Oyedele.

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"We should not lose the lessons learned from the Ebola outbreak," said Emmanuel-King represented by Mr. Ayodeji Omoniyi.

He called for general improvement of both primary and secondary healthcare centres to curb epidemics and pandemic spread.

Conference Co-host, the BUTH Director of Nursing Services, Mrs. Adeola Oyinloye is hopeful that the conference will create opportunity for gaining new knowledge on achieving

healthcare goals with available resources amidst Covid 19 challenge.



Clockwise: Dr. Jonathan Dangana, Mr. Ayodeji Omoniyi (middle) with two conference participants and Mrs Eleanor Nwaka from Nursing Council of Nigeria



Nurses from the Babcock University Teaching Hospital in full attention at the opening session of the conference.



Nurse Atoyebi Olaniyi

NMDC INDUCTS 63 NEWLY QUALIFIED DOCTORS



MDCN Registrar, Dr. Tajudeen Sanusi (Pictured right) reminds the inductees of their professional ethics as they take the Hippocratic Oath.

The Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria inducted 63 newly qualified doctors of the Benjamin Carson (Snr.) College of Health & Medical Sciences into the professional body, February 22.

The induction, the fifth for Babcock, served as another platform to remind inductees of their responsibility to their patients.

Council Registrar, Dr. Tajudeen Sanusi asserted that as doctors, they need to understand their patients' vulnerability, recognize their limits and know

when to refer cases outside to specialists better placed to handle them.

From the Guest Elder, the immediate past Provost of the Medical School, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro, was the counsel to seek God, create time for family and read beyond medical books to become well-grounded.

"Show compassion to your patients. Create time for your family especially your wives," he said. "You are called to be missionaries, not mercenaries. Remember God. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths. He will make your paths straight."

While congratulating the inductees, parents and sponsors for the faith reposed in the institution, President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo urged the doctors to imbibe new approaches and be on top of their jobs especially with technological advancement.

He also acknowledged their peculiarity as a class which got admitted at the onset of the Ebola epidemic outbreak in Nigeria and graduation during the Covid-19 surge.

"Medical practice is more than challenging at a time you are being inducted into practice," said Prof. Tayo. "Your profession is more of a battleground. Apply your sense of tolerance to make the needed difference."

He commended the faculty for their dedication and the commitment to upholding the University's philosophy of holistic education.

He expressed optimism for an upward review of approved quota from the MDCN with the upgrade of facilities including a molecular laboratory and investment in an MRI scanner.

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Prof Ademola Tayo (middle) with Dr. Sanusi and other officers of the University. At the background is Registrar, Prof. Jonathan Nwosu and University Pastor, Prof. Efe Ehioghare.



Prof. Banarbas Mandong, Provost, Benjamin Carson College of Health & Medical Sciences, BCCHMS give a short speech as Prof. Ayodele Desalu (left) and other faculty members savour the moment.

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He implored the inductees to build their future on a foundation of integrity, good character, hard work, and a compassionate lifestyle. "Your common goal is the recovery of patients," he said.

"You must endeavor to improve yourselves professionally and remember that the acquisition of MBBS is just the foundation that you need to build upon."



Prof. J. A. Kayode Makinde



Vote of thanks from inductees' representative



Parents of inductees and other guests at the ceremony held in the Pioneer Church. Bottom left: Inductees take their oath. Bottom right: Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



It was a week of thanksgiving, joy and celebrations as the University marked the fifth induction of Medical Doctors from the Benjamin Carson College of Health & Medical Sciences.

Pictures capture the moments at the dinner and induction ceremonies.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



BRIEFLY

BU INAUGURATES RESEARCH COUNCIL

The University has inaugurated a Research Council mandated to make Babcock a university of global repute in research and development.

Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Philemon Amanze, said there would be more outstanding breakthroughs if resources were pooled together. Therefore, the Council would harness individual efforts in research to achieve greater impact.

“Part of the Council’s responsibility would be to chart a course to improve visibility and research output so that Babcock would be known for expertise in particular areas of research,” said the Director of Research, Innovation and International Cooperation, Prof. Grace Tayo.



Research Committee members take the national and Babcock University anthems



Prof. Philemon Amanze and Prof. Grace Tayo with other members of the Research Council after the inauguration.

OIE HOLDS WORKSHOP FOR NEW MEDICAL GRADUATES

The Associate Vice President Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Prof. Constance Nwosu last week held a virtual workshop on faith integration for the newly qualified doctors.

The workshop, *Integrating Faith in Medical Practice*, was to prepare the doctors for the world of medical missionary service.

Keynote speaker and College Provost, Professor Barnabas Mandong, spoke on *Challenges of Medical Practice in the face of Covid 19 Pandemic*. He noted that the virus had created a new reality especially health workers and recommended practical approaches of dealing with it.

“It is no longer normal to have long consultation with a patient without risks of infection,” he said. “As frontline workers, doctors are at higher risk. You need to have PPE which some hospitals do not provide.”

The BUTH Chief Medical Director, Prof. Franklin Ani presented a paper, *“Towards Establishing BU Medical Alumni at Babcock University Teaching Hospital”* while the immediate past SVP Academics & Senior Consultant, Professor Iheanyichukwu Okoro spoke on *“Christian Medical Ethics.”*

Director of Clinical Services, Professor John Sotunsa, addressed, “Missions” and Dr Benjamin Nwaka presented, *“From Imaginary to the Real World.”*



Committed to excellence: Prof. Constance Nwosu



A new hope: (l-r) Dr. John Sotunsa, Dr. Moses Adetayo, Babcy Ugochi Oluchkwu and mother, Nkiru Oluchi and Chigozie Azunna of Happy Child Foundation.

BUTH REPAIRS INFANT'S CLEFT LIP

An infant born with cleft lip and palate has received a new lease of life. This is with the intervention of Medical Doctors at the Babcock University Teaching Hospital in collaboration with the Happy Child Foundation.

The infant, Ugochi Oluchkwu is the first beneficiary of the medical intervention carried out by Dr. Moses Adetayo of the BUTH Dentistry Department.

She will not be the last as the Foundation promised to uphold its mission to sponsor more patients with similar challenges.

Director of Clinical Services, Prof. John Sotunsa said as a mission-driven health institution, BUTH likes to partner with organizations to help truly indigent patients to give them hope.

"This is the reason why BUTH is partnering with Happy Child Foundation for the treatment of children with

Cleft lip and Palate," he said.

Dr. Adetayo said the surgery only took 45 minutes because earlier on, the ENT (Ear, Nose & Throat) specialists and others had done their part before his intervention.

He explained that though many people were born with CLP, this intervention had become a source of hope.



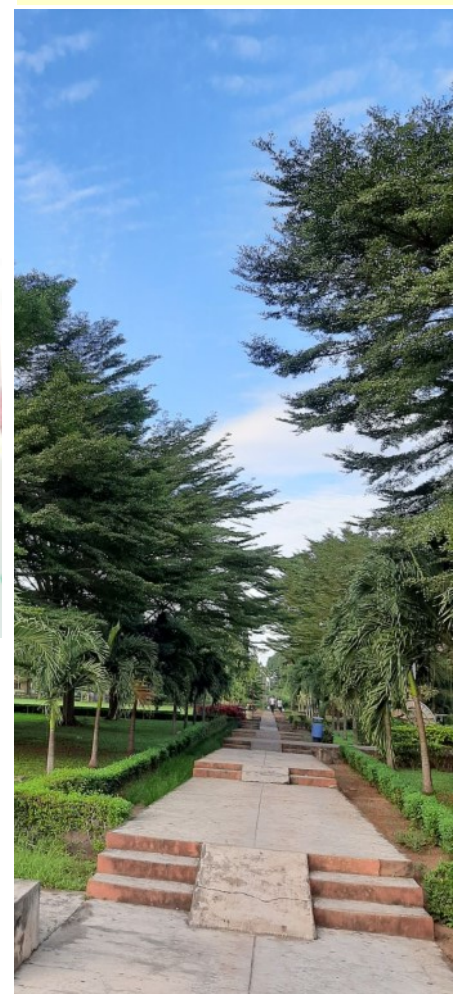
"God will continue to provide and bless the foundation and the doctors for this great gesture."
- Nkiru Oluchi

According to him, there is no specific cause for CLP but some drugs taken during pregnancy, trauma and viruses have been identified as possible causes.

"We are thankful to HCF for sponsoring this and giving hope to others with CLP", he said.

Representative of the Foundation, sponsors of the intervention, Chigozie Azunna, said the HCF believes every child needs to be happy and be given the opportunity to "live fulfilled life and live life at full potential."

"God will continue to provide and bless the foundation and the doctors for this great gesture," said Ugochi's mother, Nkiru Oluchi who came from Abia State.



BU HOLDS COMMENDATION FOR PROF OPEKE



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo prays for family members of Prof. Rosaline Opeke at the commendation service.

Family members, friends and associates of Prof. Rosaline Opeke turned out to pay tributes at a commendation service held at the University Pioneer Church.

One of the daughters, Yinka Opeke described her as a “strong and hardworking mum who taught her and her siblings to be

“focused, honest and hardworking. She taught us to hold up our heads and be resilient.”

Another sibling who joined via zoom, said she had lost a real friend, confidant and mum who called her daily to ensure that she was well.

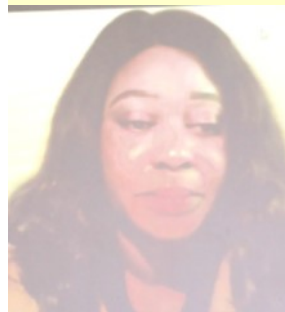
“We are grateful to God for the fulfilled life she had. Her life was an inspiration to do more.”

The University Pastor, Prof. Efe Ehioghae and other former colleagues, also prayed for the family.

Born June 24, 1946 in Ake local government area of Ogun State, Prof. Opeke joined the University as Professor September 1, 2006 in the Department of Education & General Studies on full time contract.



Prof. Rosaline Opeke



Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro signing the condolence register



Prof. Yemisi Babalola

COMMENDATION SERVICE FOR PROF OSHINAME



Pastor Efe Ehioghae prays for family members of Associate Prof. Oshiname at the commendation service



The University Pioneer Church witnessed the gathering of friends, colleagues and family members last Tuesday at the commendation service for Dr. Frederick Olore Oshiname.

Dr. Oshiname, who passed away January 29 was an Associate Professor of Public Health in the University.

While consoling the family, the University Pastor, Prof. Efe Ehiogbae, assured them

that hope was lost even though, they may be hurt like the Psalmist who felt the “tears had become his food.”

He therefore enjoined them to put their hope in God who will never abandon them.

President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo, further prayed that God, the husband of the widow and father of the fatherless would be with them.

Son of deceased, Mr. Frederic Oshiname thanked the University and the department for the support given to them during this period.

For former colleague, Dr. Ajike Saratu, Dr Oshiname came across as “simple, easy-going and unassuming gentleman who was studious, and always very cheerful.”



COMING EVENT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 4 NURSING INDUCTION

The Nursing & Midwifery Council of Nigeria will be inducting a new set of Nursing graduates.

Venue: Pioneer Church **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE INDUCTION

Venue: Amphitheatre
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

MARCH 4

INAUGURAL LECTURE

Prof. Adelere E. Adeniran will be presenting the University's 32nd inaugural lecture online: ***Waters from the Waters: Beyond the Firmament***. Time: 2:00pm

Meeting ID: 8205614346

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MARCH 15 - 18

BATCH A MID-SEMESTER

All returning students on campus are expected to depart for home at the end of the mid-semester.

REFLECTION



“Perseverance
is stubbornness with
a purpose.”

- Josh Shipp